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SOVIET SCRAP DRIVES LAGGING

The 19th Party Congress set the country's metallurgists the major task of raising steel production by 62 percent and rolled stock production by 64 percent during the Fifth-Five Year Plan. This production increase may be greatly facilitated through the use of scrap metal.

However, the failure of the organizations responsible for scrap collections, on both the consumer and the industrial level, is both intolerable and inexcusable. The results are dismal: the 1952 and the first quarter 1953 scrap procurement plans were not fulfilled.

The Kazakh Metallurgical Plant, for example, is lagging in production because of insufficient raw materials. On the other hand, the Balkhash Copper Smelting Plant, whose director is apparently unaware of his responsibilities, has had a stockpile of over 1,000 tons of scrap for some time. The Chimkent Lead Plant has over 300 tons of tailings. The Zyryanovsk mines, concentrating factories, and shops are still hanging on to scores of tons of outdated equipment and parts. Many more such examples could be drawn.

Criticism is also due the republic ministries and the republic "Glavvtorchermet" Office -- the former for its attitude toward industrial scrap collections, the latter for its failure to organize consumer scrap drives.

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